

April 22, 2009

Dear Amsterdam/Churchill Area Resident / Landowner;

The Amsterdam/Churchill Rural Committee, a sub-committee of the larger Amsterdam/Churchill Community Planning Group, has met twice each month since October 2008 to discuss policies and development standards related to growth and change in **rural** Amsterdam/Churchill outside of the town core. We have enclosed an executive summary discussing the proposed policy suggestions and development standards the group proposes for rural Amsterdam/Churchill. Please look over the enclosed summary and provide us with feedback.

As you may have heard, the Gallatin County Commission has shelved its proposed rural zoning. While some in the community have suggested there is now no need to pursue planning in the Amsterdam/Churchill area, we feel strongly that now is the best time to proceed. The reason we began the planning process in December 2007 was to establish a greater sense of local control in the area. Regardless of how the County Commission proceeds, we believe the best way for us to protect landowners and agriculture in the area is to proceed with our own planning process.

We would like to hold a meeting to discuss these issues in the next few weeks. Because we understand landowners need to be responsive to the weather, we don't want to set a hard date, but will wait until the weather permits and then make phone calls to set things up.

The Rural Committee meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Korner Kafe from 6:30 to 8:00 AM. The entire Planning Committee meets the evenings of those same days at the Churchill Bank from 7 to 9 PM. We encourage you to attend and help us with this planning process. Also, if you would like a copy of the proposed rural chapter of the Amsterdam/Churchill Community Plan, please call Walt Sales at 570-2128.

Please call with any questions or input you may have.



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